

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-JUNE 27, 2005

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus

Absent: Redding, Schaefer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes as corrected, Mr. Paulhus was present at the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson requested a moment of silence for all those serving our country abroad.

IV. SWEARING IN OF FIRE CHIEF

Mr. David John Dagon, was sworn in by the Town Clerk, Joan E. Gerdson, as the First Mansfield Fire Chief for the Town of Mansfield with the following Oath and Pledge:

I, David John Dagon, do hereby pledge and solemnly swear that I will, to the best of my ability: faithfully perform all of the duties and meet all of the responsibilities of my position as Fire Chief, in a manner that will best benefit the Town of Mansfield and its citizens; uphold and enforce the Town Charter, Code of Ordinances and other applicable laws; and maintain a strict code of personal ethics, avoiding any situation that approaches a conflict of interest or violation of any law, so help me God.

Mr. Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager, gave a short history of both fire companies, and the steps the town has taken to get to this point of a new Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Dagon said a few words to those present and introduced people from East Hartford and Glastonbury with whom he had previously worked. He introduced his family and other close friends. He thanked both fire departments for their cooperation and willingness to work with him, and he was looking forward to beginning his new position in the Town of Mansfield.

Mayor Paterson presented a proclamation to Mr. Raymond Gergler, on the occasion of his 75th birthday, and 60 years on the Eagleville Fire Department.

Everyone then had the opportunity to speak with Fire Chief Dagon and enjoyed cake and refreshments.

V. OLD BUSINESS

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1. Transfer of Property at 33 Chaffeeville Road

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded that effective June 27, 2005, to authorize the town manager to complete the transfer of land north of 33 Chaffeeville Road to the owner(s) of 33 Chaffeeville Road subject to the following conditions: 1) that the town retains title to land within 30 feet of the centerline of Chaffeeville Road; and 2) that the land conveyed to the owner of 33 Chaffeeville Road be merged with the existing lot so that no new parcels of land are created.

So passed unanimously.

2. WPCA, Amendment to Community Sewer System Agreement

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adjourn as the Town Council and convene as the Water Pollution Control Authority.

So passed unanimously.

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective June 27, 2005, to authorize the town manager to execute proposed Amendment #02-92 to the Community Sewer System Operation and Maintenance Agreement between the Villages at Freedom Green Association, Inc. and the Town of Mansfield Water Pollution Control Authority.

Motion so passed. Mayor Paterson abstained, as she lives at Freedom Green.

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn as the WPCA and reconvene as the Town Council.

So passed unanimously.

3. Campus/Community Relations

Assistant Town Manager, Matthew Hart, spoke of the recent Community/Campus Partnership met and has established a set of goals. It has great new ideas for a legislative program on substance abuse. The Committee has read the Town Council's report on Campus Community Relations. There is a new website under the Dean of Students which discusses the objectives of this committee.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Blair seconded to add to the agenda the Committee on Committees report on the Mansfield School Readiness Council.

So passed unanimously.

- 3a. Mansfield School Readiness Council

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, effective June 17, 2005, that the Mansfield School Readiness Council be reconstituted, under the name Mansfield Advocates for Children, as a board under the provisions of Section A192. The purpose of the Advocates for Children shall be to examine, discuss, and advise the Town Council and staff on issues relating to the education, health, and safety of young children, to foster partnerships among area agencies and providers, and to serve as an advisory group in connection with private and public grants. The members, who shall be appointed by the Town Council, shall include the Mansfield Director of Social Services, the Mansfield School Readiness Coordinator, the Director of Special Education and Student Support Services, from the Mansfield Board of Education, and the following who will serve three year terms:

Term expiring June 30, 2006

Deborah Adams
Louise Bailey
Joan Buck
Susan Daley
Mary Jane Newman
Donna McLaughlin
Steven Tucker
Pamela Wheeler

Term expiring June 30, 2007

Monique Brown
Jane Goldman
Nancy Hovorka
Becky Lehmann
Tresca Marr Smith
Shamim Patwa

Term expiring June 30, 2008

Alison Whitham Blair
Kate Bartron
Maureen Crowley
Bethany Maines
Katherine Paulhus
Kristine Stone

The Advocates for Children may designate nonvoting associate members that may participate in its discussions and other activities.

So passed unanimously.

4. Proclamation in Honor of Officer John E. Andrini

Ms. Blair Moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective July 8, 2005, to

authorize Mayor Paterson to issue the attached Proclamation in Honor of Officer John E. Andrini.

So passed unanimously.

5. Building Committee for Mansfield Public Schools

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that effective June 27, 2005, to establish, for an indefinite term, a seven-member Mansfield Public Schools Building Committee to review the capacity and condition of the Mansfield Public Schools, particularly with respect to current needs and future expansion, and to develop recommendations for consideration by the Mansfield Board of Education and the Town Council; and which committee shall be comprised of the Mayor; the Chairman of the Mansfield Board of Education; the Town Manager. The Mansfield Superintendent of schools; Ms. Anne Rash, former principal and community member; and two parent representatives to be appointed by the Mansfield Board of Education.

So passed unanimously.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Paulhus reported that he, Mr. Schaefer and Mayor Paterson attended the retirement party for the Town's Tax Collector Pam Wells.

Mr. Paulhus and Mr. Haddad attended the opening of the New Movie Plex in the East brook Mall.

The ribbon cutting ceremony opening the walkway and bikeway along Route 44 was opened. The Mayor and Mr. Paulhus attended.

Ms. Blair thanked the Council for their support of the Explorer's breakfast served at the Eagleville Firehouse.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Rep. Merrill called and asked for suggestions as to use of some bonding funds. The Town has now put in for \$50,000 generator for the Senior Center. No report yet if this project has been included in the State bonding package.

Assistant Town Manager met with the Manager and Smart Power. The Town has entered into a multi-year energy plan and cannot purchase green power directly from its provider. However, the Town can buy renewable energy certificates and staff will be returning to the Council at the next meeting for an approval of a resolution.

Assistant Town Manager addressed the issue of negotiations pertaining to the Board of Education Administrators contract. There are two opportunities for the Council to participate in negotiations: 1) The Council and the Board of Education may meet in a non-meeting; and 2) The Council has the ability to appoint a representative to attend negotiation sessions.

Assistant Town Manager discussed the development of the draft Housing Code. Staff plans to present the Council with a proposal in the fall.

Town Manager announced that the Downtown Partnership is now applying thru the Urban Act Program for funds for the garage, streetscape and relocation project. There is a company who will do the relocation process for the present businesses which must be relocated. There will be a connection between the Municipal complex and the other side of Route 195. There are developers and landscape architects developing this plan.

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

XII. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. Ct Coalition for Justice in Education Funding.
7. CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security re: Emergency Management Performance Grant Award
8. CT Department of Environmental Protection re; America the Beautiful Grant Award
9. Ct Office of Policy and Management re: Conservation and Development Policies Plan for Connecticut 2004-2009
10. Mansfield Department of public works: Grand Opening of the Route 44 Bikeway
11. Windham Hospital Wish List

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adjourn the Council meeting at 9:15 p.m.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk

